(c) Estimated employment in the public sector has also marginally gone down from 194.15 lakh as on March, 1999 to 191.38 lakh as on March, 2001.

Number of workers

†3045. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the total number of workers in the country at the end of nineties;

(b) if so, the number of workers employed on regular wage basis and the number of those employed on casual wage basis out of the above; and

(c) the number of workers employed in public sector out of such regular and casual wage earners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) As per the Sample Survey carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1999-2000, estimated work-force in the country was of the order of 39.7 crore. 13.9% and 33.2% of the total workforce were engaged as regular salaried and casual workers respectively.

(c) As on March, 2000, out of a total employment of 27.96 crore in the organised sector, approximately 19.31 crore persons were employed in the public sector.

Reduction in number of workers in PSUs

†3046. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the decision of the public sector industries to reduce the number of workers;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.